

Introduction

Jesus Rose From The Dead. He Did! (V1-11)

The Gospel is

- **Christ's Resurrection & Scriptures:** Luke 24:44-46
Psalm 16:10
Psalm 22
Jonah
- **Christ's Resurrection & the Church:** V1b-2a
Cf. 6:9-11
- **Christ's Resurrection & the witnesses:** V5-6 ~ the apostles and believers
V7 ~ James
V8 ~ Paul
- **Christ's Resurrection - common message:** V11

If Jesus Didn't Rise From The Dead . . . ! (V12-19)

The logical argument here:

Implications:

- (a) *Our preaching is vain, your faith is vain!*

- (b) *The apostles are liars!*

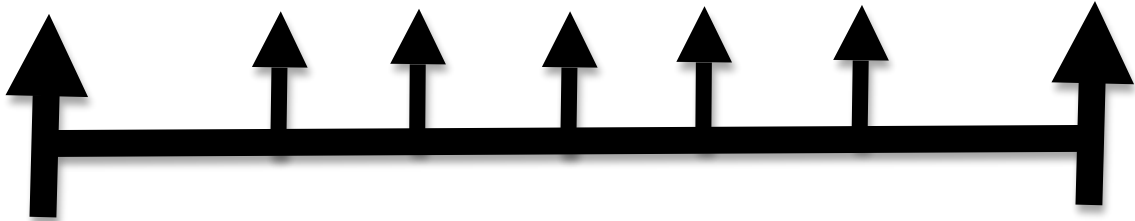
- (c) *You are still in your sins!*

- (d) *Our hope for believers who died is dashed!*

- (e) *We Christians are BIG fools!*

Purpose:

VERSE 20 ~ BUT NOW CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD . . . !!

Jesus Has Risen . . . We Shall Rise! (V20-28)

²⁰But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. ²³But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.

Verses 24-28

- The end ~ *when?*

- The end ~ *what happened then?*

- The end ~ *Meanwhile . . .*

If We Shall Not Rise, Then Why . . . ? (V29-34)

[I] Verse 29 ~ *Otherwise, what will they do who are baptized for the dead, if the dead do not rise at all? Why then are they baptized for the dead?*

[II] V30-32 {Cf. 2 Corinthians 4:8-11, 11:23-29}

Warning: V33

V34

Physical, bodily resurrection? How??!! (V35-49)

- Why the question in **verse 35?**
- For some of them, it's *undesirable*.

For some of us, it's *inconceivable*.

- **John 5:28-29**

John 6:44

Romans 8:23

2 Corinthians 4:16, 5:1-4

Philippians 3:20-21

Paul's answer: [1] Creation Illustration (V36-42a)

➤ Seeds

➤ Flesh

➤ Stars

Key verses:

[2] Crucial contrasts (V42b-44)

➤ Corruption and Incorruption

➤ Dishonor and Glory

➤ Weakness and Power

➤ Natural and Spiritual

[3] Central characteristic (V45-49)

➤ Prototype

Acts 1:9-11

Luke 24:30-31

1 John 3:2

Philippians 3:20-21

Matthew 13:43

Resurrection: The *Death Of Death!* (V50-58)

❖ **The *Change* (V50-53)**

❖ **The *Conquest* (V54-56)**

❖ **The *Credit* (V57)**

❖ **The *Challenge* (V58)**